

*REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**The Pending Claims*

Claims 1, 3-14, 18, 19, 21, 24, 25 and 27-33 are pending currently and are directed to a method for producing an automotive vehicle door. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

The Amendments to the Claims

Claims 2, 16, 17, 20, 22, 23 and 26 have been canceled. Claim 6 has been amended to recite that the moulding takes place by injection moulding. Claims 18, 19, 21, 24, 25, and 27 have been rewritten in independent form as suggested by the Examiner. New claims 28-33 have been added and recite a vehicle door produced according to the methods of claims 18, 19, 21, 24, 25, and 27, respectively. No new matter has been added by way of any of these amendments.

Summary of the Office Action

The Office Action objects to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a). Claims 2, 16, 17, 20, 22, 23 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Schutt et al. (i.e., U.S. Patent 6,612,641). Claims 1 and 3-14 have been allowed.

The Objections to the Drawings

The objections to the drawings are moot in view of the amendment to claim 6 to remove the reference to an injection moulding tool and the cancellation of claim 20. Accordingly the drawing objections should be withdrawn.

The Anticipation Rejection

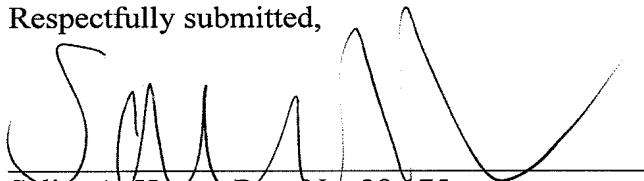
The anticipation rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of the rejected claims. Accordingly the anticipation rejection is improper and should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the patent application is in condition for allowance. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the

prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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